

Food for thought from J

April 3, 2022

One of the great blessings of being part of Wynnton UMC is the opportunity to experience the incredible spirit of ministering to those in need that pervades the life of our church. As members and participants in the ministries of Wynnton, we are part of a community and legacy of hearing and responding to the cries of the needy in our midst that includes support for such wonderful organizations and activities as Wynnton Neighborhood Network food bank, Wynnton Neighborhood Housing, and Backpacks of Grace. So, it is with great excitement that I write to tell you about a new opportunity for us, as individuals and as a church, to make a real difference in the lives of some of the most destitute in our community – homeless families.

Most of us are familiar with the great work of Wynnton Neighborhood Housing (WNH) in making the East Wynnton neighborhood a safer and better place to live. Since 2007, WNH has done this by building new, affordable housing or rehabilitating existing houses for sale at below market rates to first time home buyers with low to moderate incomes and by refurbishing existing homes, primarily for elderly residents. Over the next several months, however, WNH will add a new emphasis to its efforts as it begins the work of refurbishing Trinity House to become the only family transition home in Columbus.

Trinity House has served, previously, as a transition home for woman and children, but now, as those residents move to a new and larger facility, and take most of their furnishings with them, the existing space will be remodeled to create five separate apartments for **homeless families** and a sixth unit for resident managers. The role of WNH in this project will be to remodel the entire complex, including installing new bathrooms, painting the exterior, replacing exterior doors, installing new light fixtures, and providing new furnishings throughout.

The challenges of homelessness in our community are well known and heartbreaking. So, it is especially encouraging to see these efforts and resources being allocated toward the search for a solution. While WNH will be seeking grants from local charitable foundations for much of its \$100,000 fund raising needs, we can all play a part in this new ministry by supporting it with individual financial donations and by participating in work days at the facility when the renovations begin. We will provide more details on these opportunities as they become available. Of course, I also encourage us all to be in prayer for the success of this most special project and for the families it helps.

I hope you will consider how God may be leading you to support this worthwhile endeavor. Working together as Christ's church through organizations like Wynnton Neighborhood Housing we can build God's kingdom, one family and one life at a time.

IN MEMORIAM

Martha Ann Elizondo
March 20, 2022

"In my Father's house are many mansions..."

The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of our Sunday School Teacher, Jennie Payne, by the Sojourners class.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER

We will have dinner catered by Country's BBQ in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 14th at 5:30. Please make your reservations by Tuesday, April 5th. There will be sign-up sheets in the Sunday School envelopes, or you may call the church office to make reservations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2022 Easter Bash will be April 9th from 12-2 p.m., and we will need plenty of volunteers to pull this off. Some particular areas of need are for the set-up crew and manning the stations. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please see the sign-up sheets posted in the hall leading to the foyer. You can also email mgross@wynntonumc.org. Thanks!

EASTER EGG HUNT, LUNCH, GAMES, AND MORE!

Easter Bash

Saturday, April 9th
12-2 PM

Wynnton UMC
2412 Wynnton Rd, Columbus, GA 31906

EMAIL MGROSS@WYNNTONUMC.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS



EASTER LILIES



The cost of Easter Lilies will be \$15.00 each this year. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 3rd. See the attached form.

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS

Please bring CANDY-FILLED PLASTIC EGGS or INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY (no chocolate please) for the children's egg hunt and place them in the bin in front of the library.

Flower Delivery

Anne Spell

THANK YOU

I would like to thank each of you for your generous love offering that was presented to me following my retirement. Wynnton United Methodist Church will always be a place where I hold fond memories from serving in the children's Sunday school service to serving as teacher/director of the preschool for 41 years. I wish each of you love and happiness and pray this card finds you well.

Sincerely,
Kathy

EASTER OFFERING

This year's Easter Offering will be divided between three missions. One third of the offering will go to the Annual Conference mission, a third to Wynnton Neighborhood Network and a third to Wynnton Neighborhood Housing. This offering is above and beyond your usual giving.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

As we *March* into April, we recognize that Holy Week is fast approaching. Holy Week is an opportunity for Christians to reflect on Jesus' path to the Cross. The week begins with Palm Sunday as Jesus enters Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosannah! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" We are lead through the Last Supper, His Crucifixion, and we close the week with Easter Sunday and the celebration of His Resurrection. Each day of Holy Week we witness the selfless love of Jesus reflected in every step to the Cross. At the 8:30 and 11:00 services on April 24, our Chancel Choir will celebrate the story of Easter through the music of Lloyd Larson's cantata *Worthy Is the Lamb!*. Select movements from this work will provide musical support for scripture on the Sundays leading to Easter. As we celebrate Holy Communion this Sunday, the Chancel Choir will sing an expressive communion anthem "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" from *Worthy Is the Lamb*. The sweeping, rich harmony and passionate words of the refrain make this an exemplary communion anthem.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing from *Worthy Is the Lamb!* by Lloyd Larson

At the Lamb's high feast we sing, "Praise to the Christ, our glorious King!" For He has claimed and cleansed our souls, and by His love we've been made whole. Praise the One who by love divine now shares the cup, the holy wine. His body broken at the feast for the greatest and the least.
(refrain)

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed; by whom the words of life were spoken; by whom our hungry souls are fed. Bread of the world by whom our souls are fed.

At the Lamb's high feast we sing, the praise and hosannas still echoing: "Praise to our King, the chosen One, holy Son, the Lamb of God."

(refrain)

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed; by whom the words of life were spoken; by whom our hungry souls are fed. Bread of the world by whom our souls are fed.

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering... But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

WYNNTON UMC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2022 College Scholarship. The scholarship is for members of Wynnton pursuing any field of study at an accredited school of higher learning. Applications along with guidelines for the scholarship are now available in the church office. All applications must be received in the church office no later than **May 1, 2022**. For further information, please call the church office at 706-324-2424.

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY NEEDS

1. School supplies--teachers need glue sticks, pencils, markers, notebook paper
2. Cookie decorating supplies: sprinkles, small candies like M&Ms, or Skittles, small containers of icing, plastic spoons, small paper plates.
3. Bags of individually wrapped candy for the end-of-school-year celebration of positive behavior rewards.

Please deliver to the door of the school or leave in the blue bin at church for Shirley Wright to deliver.

BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of April. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Through Old Testament stories and mission projects, our children have been learning who God is, how He loves us and is always with us, and how we are to love God and love others. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. on the second floor of the Grimes building.

The wife of our former pastor, David Blalock, is undergoing difficult medical treatments. Prayers, cards and letters are appreciated and may be sent to:

Patsy Blalock
P.O. Box 187
Vidalia, GA 30475

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Plans are being made for our Packing Party this year! In October, we will fill our boxes for children around the world.

If you prefer to fill your own box, that is fine OR you can do both!

Different items will be requested each month to bring to the church. A bag will be in each SS class for these items. There will also be a bin in the hall for items. The goal is to pack 250 boxes this year!

In April, we are collecting deodorant (for older children) and wash cloths. We will continue to collect hair brushes, plain ball caps, hair bands, large combs, toothbrushes and soap.

In a message from Samaritan's Purse: Praise God for shoebox gifts that were collected last year. Thank you and all Glory to God!!

Items Collected so far:

78 Bars of Soap
51 Hair Brushes
96 Toothbrushes
13 Ball caps
6 Wash Cloths
40 Large Combs

Keep up the good work! Each one bring one of each. Please. Would love to pack 250 boxes!!

Youth Sunday School



Youth Sunday School meets in the Basement from 9:45-10:45 AM Sunday mornings. Students in 6th through 12th grade are welcome to join us for coffee, donuts, and topical discussions of God's word. Eliza Daffin leads us in March. If you haven't been in a while, now is the perfect time to lean back in! For info or if you're interested in volunteering with the youth, contact Rob Harbison, r.harbison@mchsi.com, (706) 289-3082.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Glenn Killough	Kathy Draughon
Matthew Allen	Dorothy Robinson
Bobby Porch	Kerry Mess
Lillian Cox	Jennefer Spell
Lynn Christenson	Jim Accordino
Beverly Ragsdale	Gwen Bolin
Jean McGlamry	Joyce Hawkins
Aubrey Walker	Margie Spurlin
The Meacham Family	Denise Hill
Jimmy Kent	Patsy Blalock
Daro Miller	Linda Osborne
Jake Wood	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Marjorie Croft
Family of Sarah Crawford
Family of Jeanette Bunch
Family of Wanda Jones
Family of Carole Mitchell
Family of Brad Trim
Family of Lenore Ash
Family of Larry Googe
Family of Barbara Stevenson
Family of Charles Ward
Family of Martha Ann Elizondo

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 3

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class - 2nd floor Grimes Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
Streams Live on Facebook
11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building

Monday, April 4

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library

Tuesday, April 5

- 10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Housing

Wednesday, April 6

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Chapel & Book Study - Alpha Bldg.
6:30-7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - Bell Room
7:15-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 7

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.

Saturday, April 9

- 12-2 p.m. Easter Bash - Egg Hunt, Lunch, Games and more

SUNDAY'S SERMON

An Unexpected Answer
Luke 10:25-37
Rev. J Grantham

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies April 1-3
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258

Children's Programs

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through age 3 is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for K-5th Grade is on the 2nd floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday school is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

- April 3:** Matthew 26:1-25, Numbers 35-36, Job 3
April 4: Matthew 26:26-46, Deuteronomy 1-2, Job 4
April 5: Matthew 26:47-75, Deuteronomy 3-4, Job 5
April 6: Matthew 27:1-31, Deuteronomy 5-6, Job 6
April 7: Matthew 27:32-66, Deuteronomy 7-8, Job 7
April 8: Matthew 28, Deuteronomy 9-10, Job 8
April 9: Acts 1, Deuteronomy 11-12, Job 9

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 5 Mary Elizabeth Cawthorne, Jenny Crosby, Garrett Walker
7 Kathy Fields, Mary Mims, Marguerite Murdock
8 Wes Ezzell
9 Jacob Gilstrap, Kevin Mull

OUR STEWARDSHIP

3-27-22

General Fund.....	7,511.00
Children's Ministry.....	45.00
Missions.....	22.00
Other Contributions.....	133.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	150.00
Mission trip Tiajuana.....	100.00

WYNNTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Lilies



NAME OF DONOR: _____

Lilies given:

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

You may pick up your lily after the 11:00 a.m. service on April 17.

Please fill out this form and return to the church office along with your payment of \$15.00 each.

Return No Later Than
Sunday, April 3, 2022
Thank you.
